



Press Release
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Ongoing U.S. Citizen Evacuation Efforts from Cabo San Lucas in Aftermath of Hurricane Odile September 19, 1pm

Mexico City, September 19, 2014 – U.S. Mission Mexico continues to work with local, state, and federal authorities in Cabo San Lucas and other affected areas to ensure the safety of U.S. citizens trying to evacuate the area. Mexican press estimates approximately 18,000 people, including a large number of U.S. citizens, have been evacuated since efforts began. Mexican authorities and multiple private air carriers have played an important role in evacuation operations. Department of State chartered aircraft and a U.S. military aircraft under the command of U.S. Northern command also assisted in evacuating American citizens back to the United States.

Those U.S. citizens wishing to leave the Los Cabos area should make their way to the airport during daylight hours Friday, September 19. Consular officials will be on site at the Los Cabos and La Paz airports to assist U.S. citizens. For those able to get to either airport, we recommend Los Cabos airport due to its higher capacity and number of flights.

Although some buses have arrived in Tijuana from Los Cabos, the Embassy continues to strongly discourage travel on Highway One due to reported difficult conditions including accidents and limited availability of supplies and fuel, especially in the Mulegé area. There are several areas that are difficult to cross, and travelers should expect long delays and shortages of gasoline. Consular officials from Tijuana are traveling the road to verify conditions, and we will provide an update via social media as more information becomes available.

The safety and security of U.S. citizens overseas is a top priority of the Department of State and the U.S. Embassy and Mission Mexico is putting the full strength of our resources to help those in need following this week's devastating storm. U.S. citizens requiring assistance can visit <https://tfa.state.gov/ccd>, selecting "2014 Hurricane Odile," and providing as much information as possible. Phone 1-888-407-4747 (From the United States and Canada), +1-202-501-4444 (From all other countries), or email OdileEmergencyUSC@state.gov for additional information.

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